

## **Acts Chapter 25:**

**Comprehension** – What stood out to you in this chapter?

### **Interpretation**

What prompted Festus to immediately hold Paul's trial?

Paul rejects Festus' suggestion of going to Jerusalem for trial, why?

Why do you think Festus would even give him a choice?

How did Festus describe the charges against Paul to King Agrippa?

In what way was Festus perplexed?

### **Application**

In what little Festus could deduct was the true problem between Paul and the Jews, he definitely knew that it revolved around the resurrection of Jesus. Do the people surrounding you know that the resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of your faith or do they think it's more about rules and being a good person and living a good life?

## **Acts Chapter 26:**

**Comprehension** – What stood out to you in this chapter?

### **Interpretation**

Paul begins his defense to Agrippa, ultimately why does he say he's on trial? (v7-8)

In what ways is Paul's defense different as he's talking to Agrippa vs. when he spoke to Festus? Why?

Agrippa scoffs at Paul in v.28, yet how does Paul respond?

### **Application**

King Agrippa (and Festus too) had a desire to hear what Paul had to say (Ch. 25), yet ultimately they reject the gospel. Have you encountered people in your own life who are interested in what Christianity is about but never seem to personally accept the gospel? Festus goes as far to call Paul crazy, do you have unbelievers in your life who think you're a little cray-cray because of your beliefs? Paul models a perfect response for us in speaking with nonbelievers who reject the gospel, how could you implement it in your own interactions?

Who/what/where is your true hope? Is it focused on the 'now' in this life, on the future, or on Jesus?